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In re Application of:)	
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Richard Mark SCHWARTZ et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2654
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Application No.: 09/655,325)	Examiner: Vijay Chawan
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Filed: September 5, 2000)	
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR)	
USING ONE-DIMENSIONAL)	
GAUSSIAN DISTRIBUTIONS TO)	
MODEL SPEECH)	

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Sir:

**PETITION TO EXPUNGE THE SUBMISSION OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.59**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.59, Applicants respectfully petition to expunge the Notice of Appeal filed September 15, 2004, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) records for this application.

Facts:

In response to a first non-final Office Action mailed March 22, 2004, Applicants filed an Amendment on September 15, 2004 with a petition for a three-month extension of time. Concurrent with the Amendment, Applicants inadvertently filed a Notice of

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Appeal. As a result, the USPTO has docketed this application for an Appeal, thus requiring Applicants to file an Appeal Brief.¹

Because Applicants have only received a non-final Office Action, and did not intend to file a Notice of Appeal, Applicants request that the Notice of Appeal filed September 15, 2004 be expunged from the USPTO records and that this Application be docketed for a response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2004, which was met by the Amendment and Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time filed September 15, 2004.

Accompanying this Petition is the required fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). If any additional fees are due in connection with the submission of these documents, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 07-2347.

Respectfully submitted,

VERIZON CORPORATE SERVICES
GROUP INC.

Dated: January 6, 2006

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¹ Applicants' representative spoke with Examiner Vijay Chawan on March 8, 2004. The Examiner indicated that the USPTO Application tracking system indicates an Appeal Brief was due by November 15, 2004.

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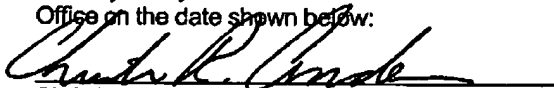
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